

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2020 – 6:30 pm
Poultney Town Hall & Virtual
Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: August 10, 2020
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
 - Poultney Downtown Revitalization letter of gratitude
 - Burning in the Village (possible lead paint?)
 - Anthony Ross request to rename Amerio Road Extension
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Green Mountain Power – underground utility within ROW- Cones Point Road
 - Slate Quarry Park bid
 - Pomeroy Road
 - Jewish Cemetery restoration project - Netanel Crispe
 - Liquor License - East Poultney General Store
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 7) Executive Session
- 8) Health Officer's Report
- 9) Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- 10) Board Orders
- 11) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes

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Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Terry Williams, George Miller, Carol Bunce, and Sheryl Porrier. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, and Constable Dale Kerber.

Adoption of the Agenda: Terry Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Carol Bunce made a motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2020. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Public Comments and Concerns:

Henry Ziegler appeared to advise the board that he wants the town to intervene on an issue regarding his neighbor, Mark Schneider, causing water to flow from the Schneider property to the Ziegler property. He believes the issue relates to the placement of Mr. Schneider's horses in close proximity to the property line. He states that the driveway on the Schneider property has also caused runoff onto his property. Mr. Ziegler stated he has been there for 12 years with no issue until Mr. Schneider purchased and made his changes. He has two sump pumps in his basement. Discussion followed. Mr. Zeigler to follow up with Mr. Donaldson on communications Mr. Ziegler has had with the State of Vermont that places the burden on the town to address the issue of grade change. Mr. Donaldson stated that he sees it as a neighbor dispute and is reluctant to become involved unless there is evidence presented to him that it is on the burden of the town to address this issue.

The Selectboard received a letter of gratitude from the Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee for continued support of its mission to support and grow the downtown of Poultney.

Jeff King stated that he was approached by a member of the public regarding possible burning of lead paint in the Village. Paul Donaldson will see if there is any evidence of the same.

Anthony Ciejko wants the board to rename Upper Road after his family surname. Discussion. No action taken.

Road Report:

Ron Kelley was not present. Paul Donaldson reported that the new crew has been working well together.

Town Managers Report:

Paul Donaldson stated that Green Mountain Power wants to run underground utility within the road ROW of Cones Point Road for a project at the Conine residence. The underground utility will be behind the fencing at the property line. The reason is due to a new garage being built. Discussion followed. The board wants GMP to have permanent flagging to indicate the location. Sheryl Porrier made a motion to grant the easement request. Carol Bunce seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Paul Donaldson stated the Slate Quarry Park Group continues to seek revised bids for the project.

Paul Donaldson stated that he and Ron Kelley have had discussions with Mr. Dobeck on his desire to do upgrades to the Pomeroy Place Road, a Class 4 road. He has met with the O'Rourkes, Mr. Ward and Mr. Dobeck, all the parties that have property on the road. We have discussed with the RRPC the need to proceed cautiously with any work done in light of MRGP. Mr. Kelley and Mr. Donaldson will continue discussions with RRPC and ANR regarding necessary upgrades.

Paul Donaldson stated he was contacted by Netanel Crispe with his desire to do some restoration at the Jewish Cemetery. He has had some preliminary talks with a restoration company from West Rutland, which gave an estimate of 8,000 – 15,000 to do the work (lower for some much needed, and higher amount for the entire project. Discussion followed. Paul Donaldson to further discussions with Mr. Crispe re: training to clean and restore, etc.

The board was presented with ah Liquor License application for the new owners of the East Poultney General Store. While the clerk is still waiting for some information, Terry Williams made a motion to approve the application once all information is received by the Town Clerk. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Transact any Other Lawful Business: Constable Kerber stated he is concerned that the Department of Public Safety will be commencing billing towns for 9-1-1 calls. The Towns of Castleton and Fair Haven have already been billed. Poultney's system is a different system, but he has concerns that changes could be coming for Poultney.

Health Officer: None.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: None.

Executive Session: None.

Board Orders: Carol Bunce made a motion to pay board orders. Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Carol Bunce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheryl Porrier seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

s/Paul A. Donaldson